

To Peace Church members:

Although we are not able to assemble for a Voters meeting at this time, Council, as required by our Constitution, is still required to report to Voters. To fulfill that requirement, all reports have been made available electronically and are available to read. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me or the author of the report personally.

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Minutes from the Peace Lutheran Church Voters Assembly

February 10, 2020

Guests: Jason W Stevens, Deane Woche

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by **Greg Wirtel**, President. 56 of people in attendance.
2. Opening Hymn: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"
3. **Pastor Kastens** opened with prayer.
President Wirtel first asked if there was consensus to relocate Voter's Meeting to Sanctuary Hall.
A motion to relocate future Voter's Meetings to Sanctuary Hall was made by **Charles Rolf**;
seconded by **Rich Behnke**. The motion carried.
4. The minutes from Monday, November 11, 2019 was reviewed.
A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by **Rich Behnke**; seconded by **Charles Rolf**.
The motion carried.
5. Welcoming of visitors:
Four visitors were welcomed.
6. **Staff Reports**
 - a. **Senior Pastor – Rev. Dennis A. Kastens**: Written report submitted.
Pastor Kastens informed the voters about Adult Inquiry, Concordia Seminary nominees and volunteerism at Peace.
 - b. **Associate Pastor – Rev. Jon C. Furgeson**: Written report submitted.
Pastor Furgeson informed the voters of Bible Studies, District Seminary Interview Committee work and planned summer events.
 - c. **Director of Music Ministry – Burnell L. Hackman**: Written report submitted.
Burnell highlighted the Boar's Head Celebration, the Organ's 5-year Dedication Concert and that Heritage Christian Academy is coming March 28-29; Hosts are needed.

d. **Director of Christian Education – Christina Stackle:** Written report submitted.

e. **Early Childhood Development - Sue Velten:**

Sue noted enrollment of 89, with 16 staff. Adopted families received 29 gifts, 67 food items and various other help through Feed My People. She noted successful Christmas Program, and Parent Teacher conferences. Finally, she reported on Open House, held on February 4th.

7. **Report of the Financial Secretary – Jacque McElroy:** No Report

8. **Report of the Treasurer – Dan Hummert:** Written report submitted.

Dan highlighted that the envelope and plate income is the measure of giving. We have rising contributions, likely due to charitable giving on the rise due to gains in financial markets.

Regarding Bondholder Debt, it is an advantage, as it is not a 3rd party institution: these are members.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by **Charles Rolf**; **Becky Stevens** seconded. The motion carried.

9. **Report of the Board of Elders – Rick Goodman**

A motion to accept as the Board of Elders Report as written by **Rick Goodman**; **Cindy Neff** seconded. The motion carried. Rick informed voters about the Call Committee. Members were asked plus Pastors, DCE and Music Minister. Alex Hopfer will be an observer for Youth. Peace is offered two methods for calling a Pastor: from the Seminary or from the Field. Peace is pursuing going to Seminary. If we don't get a Seminarian, then we go to field to find an existing Pastor.

If we call from field, a survey will be created to poll the congregation on what congregation would like to see in a Pastor.

Rick noted that when time comes (meaning Pastor Kastens retires), we do not have to go through a big process: The Voters Assembly can move to Pastor Furgeson to Senior Pastor by Vote.

Further discussion, initiated by voters, ensued about whether calling from Seminary is the right course of action.

10. **Board Reports**

a. **Evangelism - Cindy Neff:**

Cindy stated that her "computer died", so statistics are not available for meeting. There were 16 Evangelism Members who went to a conference put on by the Lutheran Hour Ministry at LHSS. It was about how to tell people about the gospel, and what the church is all about. A lot of people have not been in a church, don't know what church is. They

learned about how to have a spiritual conversation, inviting someone for classes, and eventually joining. They need Jesus, and Jesus is here. Cindy considered whether to offer classes on what they've learned. By next meeting, there will be info about any class offering, plus the statistics from this time.

b. Social Ministry – Dean Seyfert:

No report.

c. Stewardship – Dan Dukesherer:

No report, however, Website statistics. For 2019, service downloads were 1,111 which is about an 11.8% increase, Sermon only were downloaded 1005 times, about a 38% increase. 2018 Service Downloads were 994 and Sermon only downloads were 729.

d. Property Management – Rich Behnke:

Rich reported on the pursuit of contracts for windows in the education wing. Other property management concerns going well.

e. Green Park – Mike Wuerffel: Report submitted.

f. Parish Education – Arlene Leonard:

(Email) Students sang in German service. She thanked Sunday School teachers and others. She helped them give advent message. Children's Christmas service: eight music students shared their talents. The Sunday School students have moved into their new classrooms. Sunday School has a solid Attendance. She stated she is looking forward to lessons for Lent. She is planning for Spring/Summer efforts. Arlene noted she has missed meetings: if complaints, see Greg.

g. Youth – Becky Stevens:

Becky reported on many youth activities. Hidden Valley activity for High School and Junior High is to be Feb 16. The Retreat is scheduled for March 14, and the Youth Sponsored Lenten Dinner is March 11. Youth are helping Boar's Head participants celebrate and also helping out for Choir Trivia. They are scheduled for confirmation breakfast, April 5. The Questioning Ceremony is coming soon and talked about the District Retreat. For the Easter Egg hunt, they need candy for 2000 eggs.

h. Cemetery – Craig McElroy:

For 2019, there is a surplus. He reported 45 sales and 75 interments.

i. Human Resources – Grant Ellis:

Absent: Report read by Greg Wirtel. The autosave 403b presentation was well received. Informational talks with individuals will occur as needed.

11. Delegate Reports

a) **Lutheran Senior Services – Bob Mullen:** No Report,
Will have a report in May.

b) **Lutheran High School Association – Barry Hammon:**

The Hammons have stopped representing Lutheran South due to their children graduating. No one is named at this point. See **Greg Wirtel** if interested.

c) **Lutheran Foundation – Jerry Birk:** No Report.

12. Reports

a) **Safety and Security - David Dippold:**

There was a security instance: a theft of check for Early Childhood. It was covered with Law Enforcement. Typically, there are 1-2 people per month looking at cars. Usually, they make an excuse and drive away. Security watches. Be aware. Do lock cars. David went over the recent Texas Church Shooting, noted that Security Team used as training. However, he wants to make sure ALL the congregation know that they need to dive down into the pews if there is problem. That is the safest thing in that kind of situation. Also in other areas, get down, so that Security Team has room to respond. Security Team has 28 members, but need more. Training continues. New members, look for Blue bordered name tags/medallion. New Cameras almost in.

b) **Financial Oversight - Bob Mullen:**

Bob told us he has been five years as Church Auditor. For 2019, October and November, there were no Exceptions. In 2015, he met with the Treasurer to see how we can tidy up business model. It was a bit loose. So all check requests must be documented. Now, after 3 years, requests are 100% documented. Required complete cooperation of **Greg Wirtel**. (applause)

12. Unfinished Business

a) **2020/2021 Nominations Committee -**

Greg Wirtel will be contacting people for serving on openings on Council, etc. He requested that if you are asked to serve, please consider. Church runs on volunteers. Also, ask Greg specifically, if interested.

13. New Business

a) **2020 Budget Change Resolution**

WHEREAS \$55,000 was the 2020 budget allocation (approved by the Voter's Assembly 11/11/2019) for utility costs; but

WHEREAS \$67,000 was expended for utility costs in 2019, and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that such costs may be yet higher in 2020; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that \$70,000 (versus \$55,000) be the approved allocation for Peace's utility expenditures in 2020.

A motion to accept was made by Charles Rolf; seconded by Craig McElroy. The motion carried.

b) 2020 Pictorial Directory - Sara Hopfer:

The directory will be created by Lifetouch. The expected weeks for photos in May June and July; details will be in the Bulletin and Newsletter. One can signup on Website. Members receive a complimentary copy of Directory. Photos to be taken in Sanctuary Hall (better than downstairs, as there are no steps. While shooting they may leave equipment up. Differences for this time: There won't be Activity Pages, just photos of families. In 2021, they will take more photos: for new members, babies and you can get your picture updated. New Directories will be printed with both updated pictures and non-updated and thus will be a more useful book. There will be an Online App/site to view. Volunteers needed. Note: Upon voter request, the security of the online directory will be checked on.

14. Good and Welfare

Electronic Sign: A motion to dedicate the electronic sign to Fred Seiller was made, however, it was not continued, as the sign is already dedicated to Fred.

Arlene Leonard asked the Voters to "wear name tags, PLEASE".

Question about progress on the Sign: There was a delay on easement. There are currently 3 high pressure pipelines and one more is coming. Great care must be taken to avoid rupturing pipeline.

15. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:14pm.

The next Voters Assembly is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Gathman
Peace Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Peace Lutheran Church

Report to Voters Assembly May 11, 2020

Posted: Resolutions passed by Church Council since the last Voters Assembly on February 10, 2020.

March 2, 2020 Church Council Meeting

a) SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION REQUEST

WHEREAS Peace's Scholarship Committee offers assistance to students attending Lutheran elementary and secondary schools, as well as university and seminary students preparing for full-time service as called or commissioned workers in the LCMS; and,

WHEREAS Zachary Kreitler, soon to begin attendance at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN has requested financial assistance to provide health insurance either in CTSRW/CHP (Concordia Health Plan) or with another carrier since such insurance is mandatory for seminary enrollment; and,

WHEREAS Zachary Kreitler's need for such for the months of March - December 2020 is a total of \$2,760; and,

WHEREAS Peace's Scholarship Committee endorses that this request be brought to Peace's Council, and that the Council be asked to confirm that this request (\$2,760.00) be covered by Thrivent Choice Dollars; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that \$2,760.00 of Peace's undesignated Thrivent Choice Dollars be made available in response to Zachary Krietler's request for coverage of his health insurance premiums for March - December 2020, and that this remittance be forwarded to the parental family (he is under age 25) that covers his health insurance.

Motion to accept resolution by **Dan Hummert; Cindy Neff** seconded. Motion carried.

b) SYMPOSIUM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Elders has approved arrangements for a Symposium for the Laity at Peace, Saturday, May 2, 2020; and,

WHEREAS the cost for this Symposium is \$750.00 (\$500.00 for the Presenter and \$250.00 for publicity, printed materials and refreshments) and,

WHEREAS sufficient monies for these costs are available from Thrivent Choice Dollars; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that these Dollars be approved for these purposes in support of the Symposium for the Laity.

Motion to accept resolution by **Rich Behnke; Dan Hummert** seconded. Motion carried.

c) FINANCIAL NOTE

Soundproofing of the Meeting (Bride's) Room, to cut noise is estimated to \$2,700.00.

April 6, 2020 Church Council Meeting

a) OFFICIAL DECLARATION - SEMINARY CALL DAY

Reminder of "Call Day" at Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Ave., Clayton, April 28, 2020 7:00 p.m. in the Seminary Chapel, when 2020 Candidates of Theology will receive their parish assignments. In the event that Peace receives a Candidate, it would be fitting if the Council would access any virtual presentation given at that time.

b) PRESIDENT HARRISON VISITATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President, has not occupied Peace's pulpit since his election to the presidency of our Synod; and,

WHEREAS Peace congregation's 2020 observance of its 75th would be a proper time for such to be considered; and,

WHEREAS President Harrison during his attendance at Peace's Boar's Head Festival last December, indicated that he would be willing to consider such an invitation; therefore,

WHEREAS Peace Elders, if they had met March 23, 2020 as originally scheduled, likely would have approved the following resolution (since it informally had been affirmatively discussed earlier) regarding President Harrison's potential appearance at Peace; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that he be extended an invitation to preach at a date suitable to him and Peace congregation, and that arrangements be made for him to preach at all four (essentially the same) anniversary services which would be scheduled for a designated Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and also then for the Sunday, 8:00, 9:20, and 10:30 a.m. services that weekend.

Motion to accept resolution was made by **Cindy Neff**. **Rick Goodman** seconded. Motion carried.

May 4, 2020 Church Council Meeting

a) OFFICIAL DECLARATION

In view of the LCMS Board of District Presidents together with the staff of Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, effective April 28, 2020, having approved the appointment of Candidate of Theology Robert Brown to enter the ministry of the LCMS and serve as a Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Peace's Elders, in consultation with Candidate Brown and the Missouri District President, anticipate arranging for Candidate's Brown's ordination and installation.

b) 2020 SUMMER GREEK SESSION REQUEST

WHEREAS Zachary Kreidler, communicant member of Peace congregation, has enrolled in 2020 Summer Greek Session (10 weeks) at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana (June 15-August 21, 2020) at the cost of \$8,290; and,

WHEREAS Peace's Scholarship Committee, in meeting of April 23, 2020 has approved awarding of this amount if such were

available from Peace's undesignated Thrivent Choice Dollars (since this amount exceeds what funds the Scholarship Committee has available for such an award); and,

WHEREAS this amount does appear to be available with sufficient undesignated Thrivent Choice Dollars currently on hand; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that \$8,290 of Peace's undesignated Thrivent Choice Dollars be made available to cover the 2020 Summer Greek Session request; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining Thrivent Choice Dollars be considered for designation to other requests later forthcoming.

Motion to accept resolution was made by **Dan Hummert**, seconded by **Cindy Neff**; motion carried.

c) OFFICIAL DECLARATION

Plan for Opening the Church back up has to be done in a way that is still safe. Synod also had a recommended plan, forwarded to Council members.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Gathman
Peace Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Reports for May 11, 2020 Voter's Assembly

Cancelled Due to COVID-19

- **President's Report**

- I have been working with the Pastors, Chairman of the Elders, the Head of the Ushers, Head of Safety and Security, and others to work out a plan for re-opening. This effort will require the help and support of everyone who comes into the church. Expect many changes, some small, some large, to allow us to stay safe during this pandemic. Many changes will be mandated by the County, but keep in mind, these are all temporary. Since we are all in this together, I ask everyone to please be of good cheer, even if you are asked to do something you would rather not while at church. You will be asked to maintain the same "social distancing" you have been practicing everywhere, and other basic hygiene practices, so none of this should be a surprise.
- I am happy to also report we will have a new Associate Pastor, Robert Brown, who will be joining us in late summer. Read more about him in other reports from Council.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Income
 - Envelope and plate giving for the month of March pre-date the shelter-in-place mandates resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and remained above estimates, which was slightly higher than what was received during March for the last four consecutive years. Total income for the first quarter of 2020 is in line with budget estimates for the year.
- Expenses
 - Cumulative expenses year to date are \$70k less than what was budgeted for this period.
- Detailed and tabulated copies of the Treasurer's Report are available upon request by contacting the church office.

- **Senior Pastor Report – Rev. Dennis A. Kastens**

- Blood Drive
 - A Blood Drive for September 19th, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. has been scheduled.
- Facility Enhancement
 - The Facility Enhancement Capital Funding Campaign was launched July 1, 2019 for a two-year pledge goal. Response needs encouragement since income urgently is required due to COVID-19 setbacks.

- Portals for Private Communion
 - Portals for private communion have been operative since Palm Sunday and Holy Week. (There were 257 slots available during initial offer at that time.)
- Talk Pieces
 - Talk pieces have been issued to Elders asking them to contact their members to consider Drive-In Worship attendance.
- Volunteers
 - Volunteers have been given talk pieces to telephone and remind members and prospects of the Drive-In Worship schedule, and consequently to inform pastors of and reports of illness, unemployment, shortages, transportation needs, etc. they might learn as a result of these telephone calls.
- Green Park Lutheran Schools
 - Green Park Lutheran School Kindergarten enrollment for 2020-2021 to-date is 16 pupils with 4 from Peace.
- Candidate and Vicarage Placements
 - Candidate and Vicarage placements from the Seminaries and Concordia Universities include arrivals at Peace, Christ Memorial, Resurrection, Salem-Affton, Grace Chapel, St. Paul - Des Peres, St. John's - Arnold, Immanuel - St. Charles, Blessed Savior - Florissant, Zion - Hillsboro, Immanuel - Olivette, Village - Ladue.
- Crisis Response Grant
 - A Crisis Response Grant of \$5,000.00 was received from the Lutheran Foundation on Monday, April 27 to help offset any expenditures incurred due to the Coronavirus pandemic challenges (especially Drive-In Worship, the Facebook Page, KFUD Radio Broadcast, You Tube and website postings). A more detailed copy of the Senior Pastor's report, which itemizes these expenditures, is available upon request by contacting the church office.
- **Associate Pastor's Report – Rev. Jon C. Furgeson**
 - Bible Studies
 - All Sunday Education Programs: On hiatus until we get back to a normal Sunday system.
 - Seminary
 - Pastor Furgeson officially graduates from the doctoral program at the Seminary on May 15th.
 - Pastor Furgeson is teaching a summer course at the Seminary for their Specialized Ministry Pastorate (SMP) system on Pastor as Leader and

Theologian. It is now an online course due to the virus closures. It will meet on Monday nights throughout the summer.

- District Seminary Interview Committee
 - This committee is taking a break since the cutoff for the Fall 2020 school year has taken place. There are three interviews for the 2021 year already in the queue.
- Vacation
 - This year's vacation dates are unable to be confirmed at this time.
- **Director of Music Ministry – Burnell L. Hackman**
 - Because of the Covid-19 Outbreak all rehearsals have been canceled until further notice.
 - As soon as the Stay-At-Home order is lifted, I will begin holding choir rehearsals with groups of 8 singers. I have two groups of people who have volunteered and working on a third group.
 - We have a public Peace Lutheran Church Music Ministry Facebook page where I post hymns almost daily and where we have been live-streaming worship services since March 25, 2020.
 - Drive In services have been going well. I thank those who volunteered to Cantor at the services and also those are helping with the set-up and take-down. A special thanks to Wayne Schuessler for his work on the audio portion of the service and the Alex Arensmeier who has helped with set-up and take-down for almost every service.
 - I have touched base with three of the ensembles through an on-line meeting. Those were very well received and will be making contact again this week.
 - Our August 2, 2020 Ice Cream Social and Band concert is still scheduled. It is to be a celebration of our 75th Anniversary with Cake and Ice Cream. We will have to see how things are going if the event will still happen.
 - I appreciate a safer work environment with access to the office limited.
- **Director of Christian Education – Christina Stackle**
 - We are having weekly Zoom meetings with high school youth.
 - Easter Egg Hunt materials were passed out or hand delivered to most of our children age 2-4th grade. Thank you for your candy donations!
 - VBS- July (Children preschool-5th grade)
 - Virtual VBS- Families who want to participate will pick up a bag of supplies at church starting on June 27/28. We will have a DVD with daily videos to watch. Videos and music will also be put on our website. Families can then do the 5 VBS

lessons when it is convenient for them. There is no registration necessary. We will make 70 bags for children in Preschool-3rd grade and 25 bags for children in 4th and 5th grade. They will be handed out until gone. Please make sure you stop by the commons desk to get yours!

- Graduation
 - We have our Baccalaureate service for our 8th grade, high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 17, 2020.
- Summer Youth Activities
 - All of our youth summer service events and fellowship events are cancelled in June and July.
- **Early Childhood Development – Sue Velton**
 - The Lenten dinner was held on March 4th. Early Childhood raised \$855.00 and served 167 people. We are thankful to the vendors and families in our program for furnishing the food and other items needed to serve the dinner. Also, the staff who in addition to baking the desserts for the dinner also served the guests.
 - The early childhood program for the 2019 /2020 school year ended with an enrollment of 91 student positions and a staff of 16.
 - Half-day preschool and also parent's day out ended their school year on Monday, March 23rd due to the epidemic of COVID 19.
 - During the closure our half-day preschool teachers Kelley Powell and Jerfeshan Kaiser created a private half-day preschool Facebook page. The teachers instructed the children with daily circle time. Website links were also forwarded to share activities for the children to do with their family to enhance their learning experience.
 - Church council at the April 6th council meeting approved my request to temporarily close the all-day program serving children ages 6 thru 13. The closure was to protect the staff and the students as the curve was rising during COVID 19. The closure began on Monday, April 13th and will continue thru May 15th. It will be reevaluated at that time.
 - The operation of the school agers summer camp is uncertain at this time.
 - Our fall program for the upcoming 2020/2021 term currently has 75 student positions filled. This program is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 8th.
 - To end our school year, we will be having a drive-in closing program for our preschool students on Saturday, May 16th at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Kastens will welcome the families with prayer. Burnell Hackman will assist by playing the organ. The preschool staff will be leading the program. This is to honor the students on the fine school year we have had.

We will also be making tributes to those students who will be graduating from preschool and entering kindergarten in the fall.

- **Parish Education – Arlene Leonard**

- Alexia Arensmeier has procured spray bottles, bleach, and paper towels for use in Sunday school office and rooms.
- Sunday school lessons, devotions, and other resources are available at <https://www.cph.org>.
 - Children's bulletins may be found at:
<https://www.cph.org/images/topics/images/topicpages/bestill-2020/children'sBulletins/Lent5.pdf>
- Alexia sent out emails with an attachment providing some ideas for assembling a home altar.
- Alexia and Christina Stackle met to discuss how to proceed with education and connecting with families.
 - Start sending a card to each child from their Sunday school teacher with a note to the parent(s) directing them to the Sunday school section of the church website for weekly devotions, lessons, ideas for families, etc.
 - Alexia printed cards, and put stamps and labels on envelopes, and sent 180 cards.
- In observance of Palm Sunday, it was suggested we decorate our cars with "palm fronds" made of construction paper, etc., streamers, balloons, whatever family has at home to decorate for the Triumphant Entry drive-in services.
- We are blessed to worship together as families and as a congregation through:
 - Drive-in services
 - Broadcast services on Facebook and KFUD
- Our website Peace Lutheran Church - St. Louis is updated weekly:
 - Family Sunday school lesson that coordinates with the service.
 - Coloring pages for both children and adults, and some activities. These lessons and activities are appropriate for before or after church, or anytime during the week.
 - The children's bulletin for the week.
- The Board of Parish Education met March 10th. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th.

- **Evangelism – Cindy Neff**

- Calls have been made encouraging members to attend drive-in services.

- **Social Ministry – Dean Seyfert**
 - The food drive, scheduled for Mother's Day, is tentatively rescheduled for Father's Day weekend.
- **Stewardship – Dan Dukesherer**
 - There is no report for this month.
- **Property Management – Rich Behnke**
 - There is no report for this month.
- **Financial Secretary – Jacque McElroy**
 - As of March 18, 2020, Peace now offers online and app giving. For online giving, go to <http://www.peacelutheranstl.org> and click on "**ONLINE GIVING**". You will be directed to Vanco Payments secure website to make your contribution. Further instructions for online giving have been provided on the detailed Financial Secretary report which is available upon request by contacting the church office.
- **Green Park – Mike Wuerffel**
 - Enrollment for the 2020-21 school year as of April 20th is 26 for Junior Kindergarten 3's and 4's with 3 pending. 155 in grades K-8 with 36 pending. 12 have committed to enrolling and Principal Eggold is in contact with all others.
 - Who knew when GPLS did the Fulfilling His Vision campaign a couple of years ago what that would mean today? The purchase of iPad's and Chromebooks are huge now that the students are at home and classes continue remotely. What a blessing!
 - From May 4 - 8 we did our virtual Faith Family Chapel, with each teacher contacting their Faith Family students and scheduling a Zoom time with them.
 - May 8 - 15 is our Faith Family Field daytime. Our teachers have put together 5 videos describing 5 different activities for students to do at home, Shoe Flip, Coin Toss 200, Paper Airplane Toss, Flip Your Lid, and Water Bottle Flip. This is optional for students that want to do these activities. If they do, they can fill out a form with their scores and return to the homeroom teacher. Teachers will send those students that participate certificates for their scores. Parents are asked to take pictures and videos of their child doing these activities and send them to Katie for social media posting.
 - May 19th will be our Thankyou/Goodbye/Happy Birthday car parade on campus for Mrs. Kelly Pfund. We have a specific route on the campus for families to come between 2pm-6pm. They will stay in their cars and Kelly will stay 6 feet away and they can share their thoughts or cards or posters with her.
 - GPLS garden has been planted with Tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, and cabbage. Some additional item will be added throughout the summer.

- The closing ceremonies for JK3/4 and Kindergarten are planned for May 20th at 5:30pm and 6:45pm respectively on the back-parking lot of school. The 8th grade graduation will be at Christ Memorial on their parking lot at 7pm on May 21.
- **Youth Board – Becky Stevens**
 - The topic for HS Youth, Bible Class is "Why we should care about our neighbors". If we do, we also care about what goes on in the world. We have voices and gifts, even if not agreeing with others.
 - March activities consisted of Top Golf, Pizzazzed some food, Bible study about food, gymnasium activities, stuffing Easter eggs, and the Lenten dinner. The Lenten Dinner went extremely well, so thank you to everyone who came out and had dinner with us.
 - The Jr. High retreat was cancelled along with most April events. Confirmation was done individually. High School Bible class is being held virtually, and we are regularly contacting youth to see how they are doing.
- **Cemetery Board – Craig McElroy**
 - St. Trinity Cemetery continues to operate as an essential business under the current stay at home order mandated by the St. Louis County Executive. Necessary adjustments to protect the safety and health of our employees and our communities continues. However, we remain committed to serving our families with the same due diligence, confidence, and care, while operating in this uncertain time.
 - Due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions, plans for the annual Memorial Day Recognition at St. Trinity Cemetery are on hold.
 - Income revenues are being significantly impacted by COVID-19. Families are not ordering monuments which means that no foundation work is being ordered. Also, with the current economy and overall reduction in nonessential business being conducted, people are not shopping for lots unless there is an immediate burial.
 - The cemetery has successfully secured a Paycheck Protection Program loan to help offset the financial impact on its operating funds. The loan includes a forgiveness clause for the total of all payroll, health insurance, and utilities expenses over an 8-week period. This has allowed the cemetery to maintain a healthy cash flow while leaving investments in place during a down market. Tremendous thanks go to Wayne Schuessler for his efforts in making this happen.
 - The cemetery board extends its sincerest and deepest sympathy to cemetery superintendent Mark McDaniel and his family as they mourn the passing of Mark's father, Donald Lee McDaniel, this past weekend.

- **Safety and Security – David Dippold**
 - There is no report for this month.
- **LSS Delegate Report – Bob Mullen**
 - There is no report since the annual LSS April Board of Directors meeting was cancelled.
- **Financial Oversight – Bob Mullen**
 - January and February financials have been reviewed. No exceptions were found in either file. March financials are not yet available.
- **Human Resources – Grant Ellis**
 - I have been working with Sue Velton with respect to the closing down different portions of the Early Childhood programs in March and April due to overall health concerns with the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Early Childhood employees, who were placed on furlough, will be updated that every effort possible is being made to return all employees to their previously held schedules; however, based on the fluidity of the COVID-19 pandemic, adjustments may need to be considered.
- **Board of Elders – Items to Be Reported (Summary) for Voters' Assembly, May 11, 2020**
 - **Voters' Assembly for May 11, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.**

I. NEW MEMBERS

1. February 9, 2020 - Colton Edward Mirly, by infant baptism.
2. February 16, 2020 - Jon Micheal Caron, by adult confirmation.
3. February 16, 2020 - Mark Anthony and Rebecca Renee nee Bentrup Maloy, with children Kaitlyn "Katie" Grace and Jacob Christopher, by adult confirmation and profession of faith for the children.
4. February 16, 2020 - Rita Darlene nee Crone Maloy, by adult confirmation.
5. February 16, 2020 - Michael Christopher Maloy, by adult confirmation.
6. February 16, 2020 - Mary Ann nee Mueller Tyra, with grand-daughter Jamie Marie Watkins, by adult confirmation and child's baptism.
7. February 16, 2020 - Sharon Lee nee Mincemeyer Dippold, by profession of faith.
8. March 15, 2020 - Gwenivere Rose Scoular, by infant baptism.
9. March 26, 2020 - Tracy Rutledge, by transfer from Immanuel, Olivette, MO.
10. April 5, 2020 - (+) 14 Jr. Confirmands who received private (family only) confirmation ceremonies due to COVID-19. Their membership category was transferred from "Baptized (Children) Souls" to "Communicant Members".

II. MEMBERS RELEASED

1. January 31, 2020 - Todd Allen and Theresa Lynn nee Nass Rehg, transferred to St. John's Lutheran - Arnold, MO.
2. February 5, 2020 - Daniel Edward Yaeger, transferred to Immanuel Lutheran, Manchester, New Hampshire.

3. February 20, 2020 - Donald Richard and Joyce Ann nee Kieninger Hipp, transferred to Zion Lutheran, Belleville, IL.
4. February 28, 2020 - Ronald Wayne and Dorine Helen nee Steinkamp Moore, transferred to Village Lutheran, Ladue, MO.
5. March 1, 2020 - David John Schmitt, transferred to Zion Lutheran, Pevely, MO.
6. March 5, 2020 - Robert Charles Hubeli, removed by death.
7. March 20, 2020 - Herman Charles Petsch, removed by death.
8. March 25, 2020 - Mildred Louise Offerman, removed by death.
9. April 5, 2020 - (-) 14 Jr. Confirmands who received private (family only) confirmation ceremonies due to COVID-19. Their membership category was transferred from "Baptized (Children) Souls" to "Communicant Members".
10. April 15, 2020 - Edith "Edie" Irene nee Brinkmann Turner, removed by death.
11. April 21, 2020 - Janet Ruth nee Windler Yaeger, removed by death.
12. April 26, 2020 - June Viola nee Mieger Seiller, removed by death.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- Baptized: 1,645
- Communicants: 1,423
- Children: 222

IV. BAPTISMS

1. February 9, 2020 - Colton Edward Mirly, son of Caleb Austin and Kalin Ann nee Sparks Mirly.
2. February 16, 2020 - Jamie Marie Watkins, granddaughter of Robert William and Mary Ann nee Mueller Tyra.
3. March 15, 2020 - Gwenivere Rose Scoular, daughter of Wesley Charles and Breanna Ashleigh nee Hastings Scoular.
4. March 26, 2020 - Adelynn Renee White, daughter of Dakota Renee White.
5. March 29, 2020 - Jameson Wayne Eckhardt, son of Kyle Lee and Ashley Nicole nee Mayer Eckhardt.

V. FUNERALS

1. February 8, 2020 - Jason Robert Jeffcott, 45
2. March 5, 2020 - Robert Charles Hubeli, 90
3. March 7, 2020 - Samantha Joy Ketchum Graves, 31
4. March 19, 2020 - Clyde William Hicks, 87
5. March 20, 2020 - Herman Charles Petsch, 84
6. March 25, 2020 - Mildred Louise Offerman, 95
7. April 15, 2020 - Edith "Edie" Irene nee Brinkmann Turner, 80
8. April 21, 2020 - Janet Ruth nee Windler Yaeger, 77
9. April 26, 2020 - June Viola nee Mieger Seiller, 77
10. April 27, 2020 - Alaina Aline Wright, 5 months
11. May 8, 2020 – August H. "Sonny" Hummert, 78

VI. WEDDINGS

1. March 17, 2020 - Gregory Matthew Sullivan and Nancy Beth nee Wilkens (formerly Teegardin)

VII. ADULT CONFIRMATION (February 16, 2020)

1. Jon Micheal Caron
2. Mark Anthony Maloy
3. Rebecca Renee nee Bentrup Maloy
4. Rita Darlene nee Crone Maloy
5. Michael Christopher Maloy
6. Mary Ann nee Mueller Tyra

VIII. JR. CONFIRMATION

- Private family ceremonies were held for Peace's fifteen junior confirmands between March 26, 2020 and April 9, 2020. A list containing the name of each junior confirmand appears on the unabbreviated Items to Be Reported report, which is available upon request by contacting the church office.

IX. CHANGE OF INFORMATION (ADDRESS. ETC.)

- Detailed copies of the Board of Elder's Items to be Reported report are available upon request by contacting the church office.